

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF RIO HONDO
COUNTY OF CAMERON**

Rick Tello, Commissioner Place 1
Margaret Perez, Commissioner Place 3
Joseph Lopez, Commissioner Place 5

Steve Bocanegra, Commissioner Place 2
Olga L. Gallegos, Commissioner Place 4

Gustavo Olivares
Mayor

**Notice of a Regular Meeting of the
City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo
January 12, 2021**

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the governing body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas will convene for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday January 12, 2021 at the **Civic Center** on the Second Floor of the Rio Hondo Municipal Building located at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd., Rio Hondo, Texas 78583.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNITED STATES PLEDGE

INVOCATION:

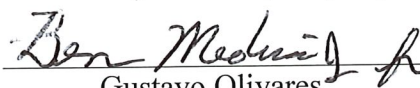
Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioner's Report
2. **Reports – Administration, Finance, Library, Senior Center, Public Works, Public Safety.**
3. **Public Comment Period: *Please Note- The Public Comment Period is designated for hearing concerns regarding City of Rio Hondo Public Policy or City of Rio Hondo business for both items not on the Agenda and items listed on the agenda.***
4. Presentation by Nathen Hartwell of Verity Energy Group.
5. Consideration and Action Resolution 2021-001 Authorizing the award of Professional Services Provider contract for the 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Community Development Block Grant Fund.
6. Consideration and Action on Resolution 2021-002 Authorizing the submittal of an application to the Office of the Governor of Texas for a Criminal Justice Grant.
7. Consideration and Action on Resolution 2021 – 003 Authorizing the submittal of an application to the Office of the Governor of Texas for a Homeland Security Grant

8. Consideration and Action Requesting Qualifications for Municipal Judge
9. Canvass of Run-Off General Election Votes of the City of Rio Hondo December 19, 2020 election.
10. Consideration and Action to authorize the Mayor to execute the documentation of the canvass as the Presiding Officer of the Canvassing Authority and authorization to issue Certificates of Election to the Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo and to submit to the Texas Secretary of State the appropriate documents.
11. Adjournment

Note: The City Commission for the City of Rio Hondo reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters, on the agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

Note: The Meeting is accessible to Americans with Disabilities. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance, please call the City Secretary at (956) 748-2102, with at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.


Gustavo Olivares
Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo

POSTED

I, City Secretary for the City of Rio Hondo, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting is a true and correct record and was posted in the bulletin board outside City Hall, and the bulletin board in the City Hall lobby, at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd, Rio Hondo, Texas 78583 and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

DATE: TIME:

11/8/2021 4:00 pm

City Administrator/City Secretary

REPORTS



Date: January 8, 2020

Gustavo Olivares, Mayor and City Commission.

Re: Status Report

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners:

Status Report
COVID-19

The City is following all State and County mandates. A proposed curfew by Cameron County was cancelled. This week the City had Covid-19 testing here at City Hall. The next testing site will City/County Park in 60 days or sooner. We are preparing for a Vaccine Site.

Staffing

The Police Department is back in full force as well as the rest of the staff has not been absent. We have had a 100% attendance rate.

Public Works

All of the equipment is working. Our City/County Park and City Hall park are closed, and we are not scheduling any events in our meeting venues.

We will start the expansion of internet services to the park and civic center since the grant funds arrived on Tuesday.

The Mesquite Street reconstruction by Rhyner Construction will start in January the pre-construction conference will be on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

Water and Sewer plants are working properly.

Library

The City Library will be retrofitting all of the light fixtures with the assistance of Cameron County Library System.

The Library is averaging 12-25 patrons a day and increase in the last month.

Senior Center

The Senior Center continues to bundle meals. The Center is feeding 65 senior citizens every week.

Finance

See Attached.

Public Safety

See Attached

The Mayor will be sworn-in at January 19, 2021 meeting.

Please call me with any questions or for more information at 956-748-2102.

Bank Account Balances on 01/08/2021, 03:36 p.m.:

- **LSNB balance = \$787,062.70**
- **Wells Fargo Pool Cash 03**
Balance: \$503,076.49
- **WFB Grants 6078 Balance: \$47,230.71**
- **No Major expenditures First quarter.**

CITY OF RIO HONDO
SALES TAX SCHEDULE FOR THE FYE SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

| | GENERAL | EDC | STREETS | MDD |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | 10-4040-440 | 70-4045-440 | 90-4047-550 | 60-4046 |
| | 1% | 0.50% | 0.25% | |
| | 0.5714 | 0.2857 | 0.1429 | |
| | TOTAL | TOTAL | TOTAL | TOTAL |
| | 2% | 1 | | |
| 2020-2021 | | | | |
| OCT | \$ 14,269.04 | \$ 7,134.52 | \$ 3,568.51 | \$ 3,277.49 |
| NOV | \$ 14,403.71 | \$ 7,201.86 | \$ 3,602.19 | \$ 3,147.49 |
| DEC | \$ 13,908.73 | \$ 6,954.37 | \$ 3,478.40 | \$ 3,250.54 |
| JAN | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| FEB | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| MAR | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| APR | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| MAY | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| JUN | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| JUL | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| AUG | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| SEP | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 9,675.52 |
| | \$ 74,521.33 | \$ 21,290.74 | \$ 10,649.10 | \$ 74,521.33 |
| | \$ 74,521.33 | \$ 21,290.74 | \$ 10,649.10 | \$ 9,675.52 |



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

December, 2020

Presented 12/12/2020

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POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

STAFFING

- 1 -Public Safety Director
- 5 -Full Time Patrol Officers
- 3 -Reserve Officer(s)

VEHICLES

- 6 –Patrol Units (*) ✓
- 3 -1033 Military Vehicles ✓
- 1 –Generator Set (2x 5 kw mobile) ✓
- 1 – Generator (static mounted) ✓
- 1- Boat

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

100-Calls for Service (fire and police)

- 2-Suspicious Person (s)
- 4-Suspicious Vehicle(s)
- 2-Vehicles Towed
- 20-Business Checks
- 5-Residence Checks
- 4-Loose Canine
- 8-Welfare Checks
- 3-Assist EMS
- 21-Disturbances
- 3-Assist Other Agencies
- 6-Alarms
- 1-Theft
- 1-Terroristic Threat
- 1-Loud Music
- 1-Public Intoxication (released on Christmas)

0 – Arrests

- 12 - Total Traffic Stops and/or Class C Misdemeanor activity
 - 2 – Traffic Citations Issued
 - 1 – Theft Class C
 - 9 – Warnings
- 1 - Crash report(s)

1 - Offense/Theft Class C (citation)

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FIRE DEPARTMENT STATUS

STAFFING

- 15 Fire Fighters available
 - 1 Chief
 - 2 Ast. Chief(s)
 - 2 Lieutenant(s)
 - 1 Engineer
 - 9 Firefighters
- 8 TEEEX Certified Fire Fighters
- 4 EMT's
- 3 EMR's
- 3 Triple Certified: Police, Fire, EMR

VEHICLES

- Engine 1 ✓
- Brush 1 ✓
- Brush 2 ✓
- Brush 3 ✓
- Tanker 1
 - (Brakes are Locked)

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTING

- 1- Fire, Brush ESD Paid**
 - 2- Environmental Response (pwr line ESD PAID; gas leak)**
 - 1- Medical Call**
 - 2- Rescue/Extrication, Motor Vehicle ESD PAID**
 - 1- Alarm, Fire (false alarm)**
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- 7- Total - Fire Dept. response calls resulting in 4 ESD Paid calls**

 - 4- Burn Notice(s) Submitted to the Police Department**

ENERGY PRESENTATION

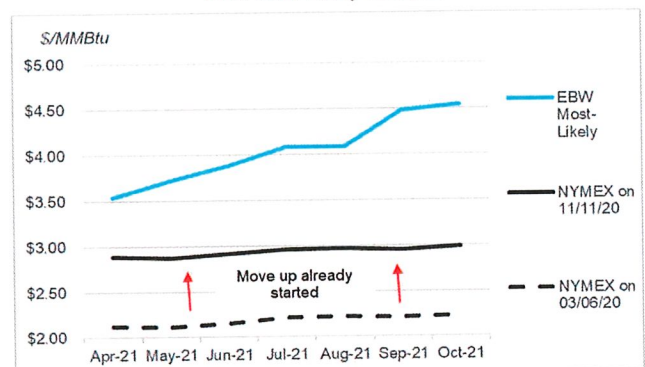


City of Rio Hondo

NYMEX Natural Gas Futures in 2020 and 2021

- April-October 2020 Henry Hub spot prices averaged \$1.89/MMBtu
 - 550-600 Bcf of LNG exports shut-in amid weak global prices exacerbated downturn
 - Producers curtailed 200-300 Bcf of production in response to low prices
- 2021 injection season likely to start 500-800 Bcf lower storage vs. 1,986 Bcf in March 2019
- Core supply/demand fundamentals will be 5.3 Bcf/d tighter
- Most-likely scenario shows a 1,000 Bcf deficit to the five-year average by October 2021
- Bullish price pressure more likely in summer/fall when market more clearly focuses on supply adequacy concerns for winter 2021-22
- Trend toward hot summers may exacerbate supply shortfalls

NYMEX April-October 2021 Futures on 03/06/2020, 11/11/2020, and EBW Most-Likely Scenario



Source: Bloomberg, EBW Analytics

Rising LNG Prices Create Opening for US Exports: **Nov vs. Aug**

World LNG Estimated Landed Prices: **Aug-20**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Market Assessments



Source: Waterborne Energy, Inc. Data in \$/USMMBtu.

Note: Includes information and data supplied by IHS Global Inc. and its affiliates ("IHS"). Copyright (publication year) all rights reserved. Prices are the monthly average of the weekly landed prices for the listed month. Landed prices are based on a netback calculation.

Updated: Sep-2020

Key Takeaway: The U.S. remains the cheapest supplier in the world.

Source: FERC & Waterborne Energy

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City of Rio Hondo
Start Date: 6/1/2024

Date: 12/08/2020
Annual Usage (MWh) - 838
Current Price: \$0.04600

| | 12 | 18 | 24 | 28 | 35 | 36 | 48 | 52 | 60 | 72 | 84 | 96 | 108 | Notes |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Cirro | \$0.04020 | \$0.04170 | \$0.04010 | | | \$0.04000 | \$0.03990 | | \$0.03960 | \$0.03930 | | | | Load Zone |
| Constellation | \$0.04001 | | \$0.03980 | | | \$0.04004 | | | | | | | | Load Zone - 20% PAD - DY20 - UNL swing |
| EDF | | | | | | \$0.04063 | | | | | | | | Load Zone - UNL swing - DY20 |
| Green Mountain | \$0.04160 | \$0.04310 | \$0.04160 | | | \$0.04150 | \$0.04130 | | \$0.04100 | \$0.04080 | | | | Load Zone |
| MidAmerican | \$0.03932 | | \$0.03922 | | \$0.03915 | \$0.03898 | | | | | | | | Load Zone - UNL swing |
| MP2 | | | | | | \$0.03941 | \$0.03930 | | \$0.03899 | \$0.03883 | \$0.03882 | \$0.03887 | | Load Zone |
| Reliant | \$0.04289 | | \$0.04285 | | \$0.04280 | | \$0.04263 | \$0.04314 | \$0.04236 | | | | | Load Zone |
| TXU Energy | | | | | | \$0.03867 | \$0.03896 | | \$0.03867 | \$0.03848 | \$0.03931 | \$0.03897 | \$0.03865 | Load Zone - 10% PAD - DY30 - UNL swing TXU GreenBack Offer |
| | | | | | | \$1,600 | \$1,900 | | \$2,200 | \$2,300 | | | | |

RESOLUTION 2021-001

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR THE 2021-2022 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND.

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Fund contract requires implementation by professionals experienced in the administration of federally-funded community development projects;

WHEREAS, in order to identify qualified and responsive providers for these services a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for administration services has been completed in accordance with Texas CDBG requirements;

WHEREAS, the proposals received by the due date have been reviewed to determine the most qualified and responsive providers for professional services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That Grant Works Inc., awarded a contract to provide Texas CDBG application and project-related **administration services** for the 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Community Development Fund project.

Section 2. That any and all contracts or commitments made with the above-named services providers are dependent on the successful negotiation of a contract with the service provider;

PASSED AND APPROVED ON JANUARY 12, 2021.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

RESOLUTION 2021-002

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WHEREAS, The City of Rio Hondo finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Rio Hondo that the Public Safety Equipment Grant be operated for the 2021 Year; and

WHEREAS, CITY COMMISSION agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the CRIMINAL JUSTICE grant application; and

WHEREAS, CITY COMMISSION agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, CITY COMMISSION assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, CITY COMMISSION designates Ben Medina, Jr, City Administrator as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Commission approves submission of the grant application for the Criminal Justice Public Safety Grant to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by:

Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

Passed and Approved this _____ (Day) of _____ (Month), _____ (Year)

Attest:

Ben Medina, Jr City Administrator

RESOLUTION 2021-003

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WHEREAS, The City of Rio Hondo finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Rio Hondo that the Public Safety Equipment Grant be operated for the 2021 Year; and

WHEREAS, CITY COMMISSION agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the Homeland Security grant application; and

WHEREAS, CITY COMMISSION agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, CITY COMMISSION assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, CITY COMMISSION designates Ben Medina, Jr, City Administrator as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Commission approves submission of the grant application for the Homeland Security Grant to the Office of the Governor.

Signed by:

Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

Passed and Approved this _____ (Day) of _____ (Month), _____ (Year)

Attest:

Ben Medina, Jr City Administrator

MUNICIPAL JUDGE RFQ

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

DATE ISSUED: January 15, 2021

CITY OF RIO HONDO

121 North Arroyo

P.O. Box 389

RIO HONDO, TEXAS 78583

REQUEST QUALIFICATIONS FOR:

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Proposal Due Date: February 3, 2021

Proposal Due Time: 12:00 p.m.

RFQ # 2021-01

CITY OF RIO HONDO
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – RFQ # 2017-01
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General Information

The City of Rio Hondo (the “City”) is accepting Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the position of Rio Hondo Municipal Court Judge. All Municipal Court Judges duly qualified are invited to submit proposals with their qualifications for the provision of these services.

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the City to reimburse responding individuals/firms for any expenses incurred in preparing a proposal in response to this request.

Any inquiries concerning the RFQ should be addressed to Ben Medina, City Administrator, via mail at P.O. Box 389, Rio Hondo, Texas 78583, via email at bmedina@riohondo.us, or by calling (956) 748-2102.

To be considered, three (3) physical hard copies of the response to this RFQ must be received by the City Administrator at 121 North Arroyo by 12:00 p.m. on February 3, 2021. Proposals received after 12:00 p.m. on January 7, 2021 will not be considered.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted, waive technicalities or irregularities, and accept any proposal if such action is believed to be in the best interest of the City.

II. NATURE OF SERVICES REQUIRED

A. General

The Judge will preside over Municipal Court for all class C Misdemeanors, violations of City ordinances, pre-trial conferences, jury trials and other cases appropriately tried in a **Municipal Court of non- record**.

The City’s Municipal Court Judge is appointed by the City Commission for a term of two (3) years, (follows Mayoral Election) and works as an independent contractor. Currently, the Municipal Court holds one court day a month (4th Friday) or when necessary to dispose of a case or to issue court subpoenas, arraignments and magistrations. The judge’s office hours will be Friday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm., of every week.

The Judge is compensated \$400.00 per week with the understanding that the Judge must also be willing to be contacted nights, weekends, and holidays for approval of Criminal Arrest Warrants, Search Warrants and to magistrate capias pro fine warrants.

Qualifications:

1. A municipal judge or associate/alternate municipal judge in the State of Texas for court of non-record or record.
2. Juris Doctorate degree and have graduated from a law school accredited by the American State Bar of Texas.
3. Must Reside in Cameron County or reside near Rio Hondo.

The City of Rio Hondo is a Type A General Law form of government since of 1927. The City Commission consists of five members and a Mayor, each elected at large for a term of three years. The City Manager is hired by and reports to the City Commission and directs all City operations.

The City of Rio Hondo provides the following services as authorized by law: public safety (police), streets, health and social services, culture-recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The City of Rio Hondo serves an area of over 2 square miles with a population of approximately 2717.

III. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Requested Information

1. Cover letter and statement of qualifications.
2. Resume
3. State of Texas Bar Number
4. Release allowing the City to access all Texas State Bar Association disciplinary investigations and/or actions.
5. Three professional references with addresses and phone numbers.
6. If applicable, a list of Municipal Court(s) where employed and a contact name and number of persons associated with the Court's operations.

CANVAS REPORT FOR ELECTION OF DECEMBER 19,2020



**CITY OF
RIO HONDO
RUNOFF**

**CANVASS REPORT
FOR
ELECTION HELD ON
DECEMBER 19, 2020**

CONDUCTED BY:

**CAMERON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS
& VOTER REGISTRATION
1050 E. MADISON ST.
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS 78520**

**UNOFFICIAL RESULTS UNTIL
CANVASSED**


REMI GARZA, COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

12/29/20
DATE

Summary Report

City of Rio Hondo
 December 19, 2020
 Runoff Election

UNOFFICIAL REPORT

Date: 12/29/20 12:10 PM

Report EL45A

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| | TOTAL VOTES | % | EV | Mail-In | ED | PROV |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------|-----|---------|----|------|
| PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 1) | 1 | 100.00 | | | | |
| REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL | 1,543 | | | | | |
| BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL | 410 | | 275 | 50 | 85 | 0 |
| BALLOTS CAST - BLANK | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL | | 26.57 | | | | |
| VOTER TURNOUT - BLANK | | | | | | |
| Mayor Rio Hondo | | | | | | |
| (VOTE FOR) 1 | | | | | | |
| Gustavo "Gus" Olivares | 232 | 56.59 | 164 | 22 | 46 | 0 |
| Nelda V. Lopez | 178 | 43.41 | 111 | 28 | 39 | 0 |
| Over Votes | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Under Votes | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |